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SUBJECT: Telephone Call to Katharine Merlin Responding to Her
3/14/97 Letter to Chairman Brown

DATE OF CALL: April 8, 1997

LOG ENTRY SOURCE: John Preston, ES *JP*

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NON-COMMISSION PARTICIPANT: Katharine Merlin, 1500 North Congress
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SUMMARY OF CONVERSATION:

At the suggestion of EXHR, on April 8, 1997, I called Ms. Merlin to thank her for her letter to Chairman Brown that described a "Childsafe Crib" that she had patented.

Ms. Merlin described the crib as being radically different from a conventional baby crib and expressed some frustration that no crib manufacturers that she had contacted were willing to test market the product.

I asked Ms. Merlin if she was aware of the Danny Foundation and she responded that she had talked to Jack Walsh, the executive director of The Danny Foundation.

I asked Ms. Merlin if she had any drawings of the Childsafe Crib or a copy of the patent that she could send to me to enable me to see how the product was constructed. She responded affirmatively but, as of 5/13/97, neither the patent nor the drawings have been received.

I informed Ms. Merlin that I had attended a meeting of an ASTM crib subcommittee in West Palm Beach on March 4th. She expressed regret that she had not written to the CPSC sooner to enable me to visit her while I was in West Palm Beach.

I told Ms. Merlin that I would promptly review any materials that she sent to me and return them if she so desired.

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